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**REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

Claims 1-7 are pending.

**Rejections of Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Justel et al. (US 6,559,598) and Murata et al. (US 6,611,099). Applicants respectfully traverse that rejection.

US 6,559,598 is prior art to the subject application only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The subject application was filed after November 29, 1999 (on 2/12/02), and thus 35 U.S.C. §103(c) provides that subject matter developed by another which qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) shall not preclude patentability where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

**STATEMENT PER M.P.E.P §706.02(I)(2)**

After investigation and on information and belief, the undersigned attorney asserts that at the time the subject invention was made, both the subject invention and US 6,559,598 were commonly owned or subject to an obligation of assignment to Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V.

**Support.**

As shown on pages 2 and 3 of attachment 1, US 6,559,598 (Serial Number 09/795,616) was assigned by its four inventors (three of which are inventors of the subject application) on 29 March 2001 to U. S. Philips Corporation. As shown on page 1 of attachment 1, on 27 February 2003 U.S. Philips Corporation assigned all of its interest to Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V. As shown on the top of page 1 of attachment 2, in response to an inquiry by the undersigned attorney (see the

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bottom of page 1 of attachment 2) U.S. Philips Corporation is owned 100% by Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V. Further, as shown on the top of page 1 of Attachment 4, that position is supported by an email from Philips Electronics Attorney Eric Bram. Example 1 of M.P.E.P. §706.02(l)(2) provides that for purposes of 35 U.S.C. §103(c) that patents owned by wholly owned subsidiaries of a Parent company are owned by the Parent company. Consequently, at the time of the invention, US 6,559,598 was for purposes of 35 U.S.C. §103(c) owned by Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V.

The subject invention was assigned shortly after filing to Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V., reference attachment 3. Consequently, at the time the invention was made the subject invention and US 6,559,598 were, for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. §103(c), both owned by Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V., and thus US 6,559,598 is not prior art to the subject invention.

The remaining reference, Murata et al. (US 6,611,099), does not teach or suggest any of the pending claims. For example, Murata et al. does not teach the combination of the UV layer 8 and the protective layer 5 of the subject application.

According, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-7 is respectfully requested

#### CONCLUSION

The applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly requested.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone call would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Mr. Eric Bram at (914) 333-9635. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the address of record (not to the signing attorney).

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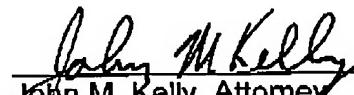
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Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT 1

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ASSIGNMENT

Docket No. DE0000031

**U.S. PHILIPS CORPORATION**, a Delaware Corporation having an office at 1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020, in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby sells, assigns, and transfers the entire right, title, and interest in the following patent application to **KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS, N.V.**, having a place of business at Groenewoudseweg 1, 5621 BA Eindhoven, The Netherlands, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, including any nominees (collectively the "Assignee"):

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including all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions, and all patents granted on these applications.

The Assignor will provide its cooperation to enable the Assignee to enjoy the foregoing right, title, and interest to the fullest extent. Upon request of and at the expense of the Assignee, Assignor agrees to execute all papers, take all rightful oaths, testify in all legal proceedings including patent prosecutorial actions and infringement actions, and do all other such acts which may be necessary, desirable, or convenient for securing and maintaining patents on the foregoing invention or for perfecting title thereto in the Assignee. Assignor authorizes and requests that these patents be issued to the Assignee.

Assignor certifies that it has the full right to convey the above rights.

Dated: 27 February 2003

**U.S. PHILIPS CORPORATION**

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For good and valuable consideration, of which I acknowledge receipt, I, as a below-named assignor, sell and assign to U.S. Philips Corporation (hereinafter "Assignee") a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, whose business address is 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020-1104, its successors and assigns, the application for a United States Patent for the improvements in a "Plasma picture screen with UV light emitting layer" invented by us, which application:

- is executed concurrently herewith .....  
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and all rights in and to said application, and all Patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Patents on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Assignee as assignee of the entire interest and covenant that I have full right so to do, and agree that I will communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention.

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Hi John,

Eric is not in today. In regards to the answer to your email yes U.S. Phillips Corp. is owned 100% by Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. so the inventions are commonly owned.

Kind regards,

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Be advised that we have missed the 6 week response date (I needed the foregoing information) but we can still make the 2 month response date of January 13.

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**Eric:**

The subject application is on FINAL based on a 103(a) combination that includes reference Justel et al. (US 6,559,598). Technical distinctions between the subject application and Justel exist and were argued in the first response (which necessitated a new ground of rejection). Those distinctions could support an Appeal.

However, we can probably remove Justel as a reference and get this case without further costs. Justel is believed to be prior art only under 102(e), thus 103(c) should allow us to remove Justel as prior art. I believe that Justel and the subject invention were commonly assigned (or subject to an assignment) at the time of the invention (both are understood as being assigned to Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.). Can you help me verify this?

I would like a copy of the assignment of Justel et al. (US 6,559,598) to Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. If possible, I would also like copies of the employment agreements of the inventors of the subject application DE 010040 (Hans-Helmut Bechtel; Thomas Juestel, Harald Glaeser, Joachim Opitz) or some other proof that the inventors were under an obligation to assign their invention.

Thanks,

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"Plasma picture screen with enhanced luminance" invented by us, which application:

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U.S. Philips Corp. is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Koninklijke Philips. We assert that the reference is appropriately disqualified as prior art under 35 USC § 103(c) at least because, while we did not get around to changing the assignment of the referenced patent to Koninklijke until later, at the time of the invention in question they were certainly both "subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person," i.e., to Koninklijke Philips. Which subsidiary would have the literal assignment was a matter of convenience, but at all times Koninklijke Philips had the full power to dictate the assignment. Therefore the invention was always subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

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## Classification:

**Eric:**

The subject application is on FINAL based on a 103(a) combination that includes reference Justel et al. (US 6,559,598). Technical distinctions between the subject application and Justel exist and were argued in the first response (which necessitated a new ground of rejection). Those distinctions could support an Appeal.

However, we can probably remove Justel as a reference and get this case without further costs. Justel is believed to be prior art only under 102(e), thus 103(c) should allow us to remove Justel as prior art. I believe that Justel and the subject invention were commonly assigned (or subject to an assignment) at the time of the invention (both are understood as being assigned to Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.). Can you help me verify this?

I would like a copy of the assignment of Justel et al. (US 6,559,598) to Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. If possible, I would also like copies of the employment agreements of the inventors of the subject application DE 010040 (Hans-Helmut Bechtel; Thomas Juestel, Harald Glaeser, Joachim Opitz) or some other proof that the inventors were under an obligation to assign their invention.

Thanks,

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